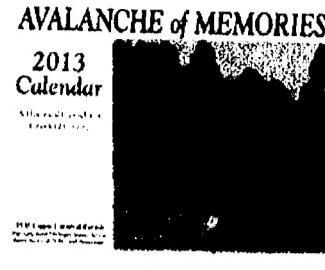


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SPORTS**Basketball team – a young group – looks to play fast, use its quickness**

This year's varsity boys basketball squad from Grayling High School does not have a lot of varsity experience – only six of the team's 13 players were on the squad last year – but the program's coach expects "speed and quickness" and transition play to be strengths during a season in which the Vikings will have to improve as they gain experience.

"I expect that we will improve a ton this year and play at a very high level by the end of the year if we can avoid injuries," Coach Rich Moffit said. **Page 1B**

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Cops for Kids Christmas tree sale is underway

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

As bargain hunters hit the stores for holiday shopping, they are encouraged to pick up a tree at the Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale.

The 17th annual Cops for Kids

Christmas Tree Sale, a collaboration between area businesses and the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, began Saturday in the Grayling Kmart parking lot. The sale operates from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to

8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The sale runs through Friday, Dec. 21, when Crawford AuSable Schools go on the holiday break, unless all trees are sold prior to that day.

The Crawford County Deputy

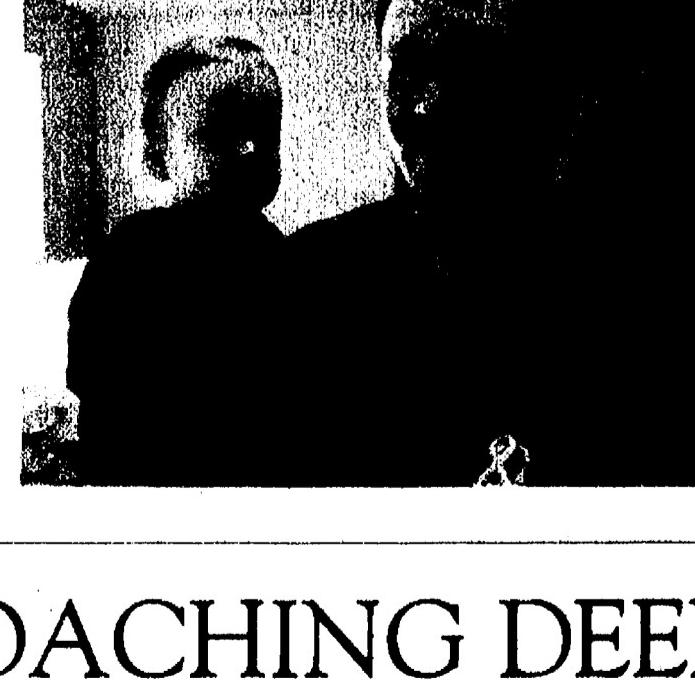
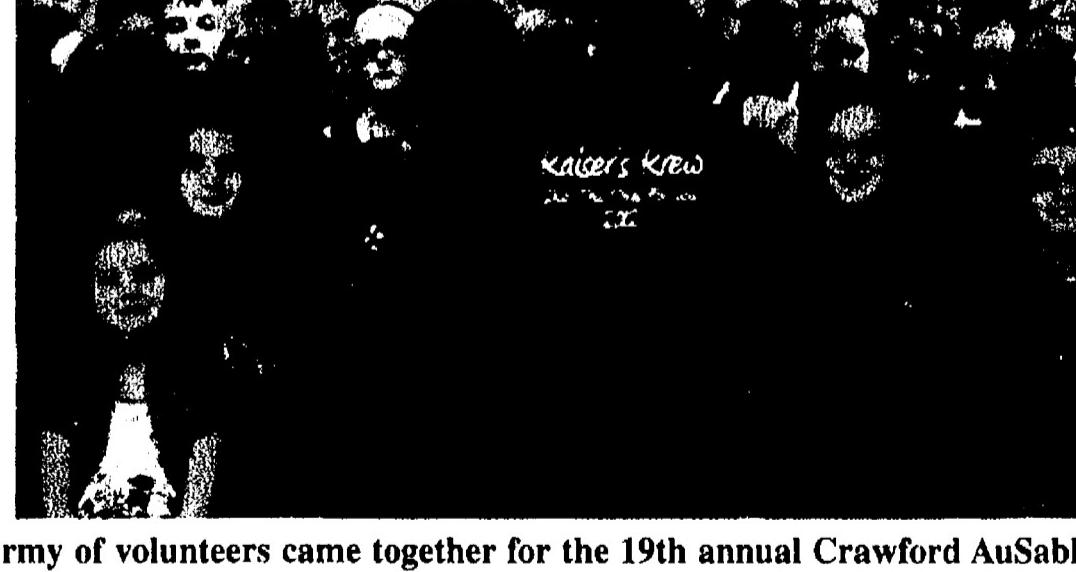
Sheriff's Association consists of current and retired road patrol deputies and corrections officers from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

The association plans to sell See **COPS** | Pg. 2A



KAISET'S KREW DISHES UP CRAWFORD AUSABLE COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Dinner



An army of volunteers came together for the 19th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner last week. The demand for meals was so great this year that some rotisserie chickens from Glen's Market were brought in to supplement the last of the 45 turkeys prepared for the meal. Top left, Kenneth Valentine sits down to enjoy his dine-in meal at the Camp Grayling Army Airfield Mess Hall. Top right, Eli Wright places dollops of whipped cream on slices of pumpkin pie. Above, volunteers gathered together and displayed a T-shirt worn at the meal honoring Skip Kaiser, one of the event's founders. Middle right, Marcus Wachtel and Rose Book were in a line placing cranberry sauce in containers for home-delivered meals. Bottom right, Tim Zigila coordinated the packaging of home-delivered meals with his son Tate Zigila, age 2.

Photos by Dan Sanderson

MEN ARRESTED FOR POACHING DEER

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Two Grayling men were arrested for illegally shooting a deer on Camp Grayling's parade grounds.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies were dispatched to

Camp Grayling for a poaching complaint at 7:57 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

Upon their arrival, deputies were met by several Michigan National Guard members who witnessed two Grayling men shoot a deer on the parade grounds

at Camp Grayling.

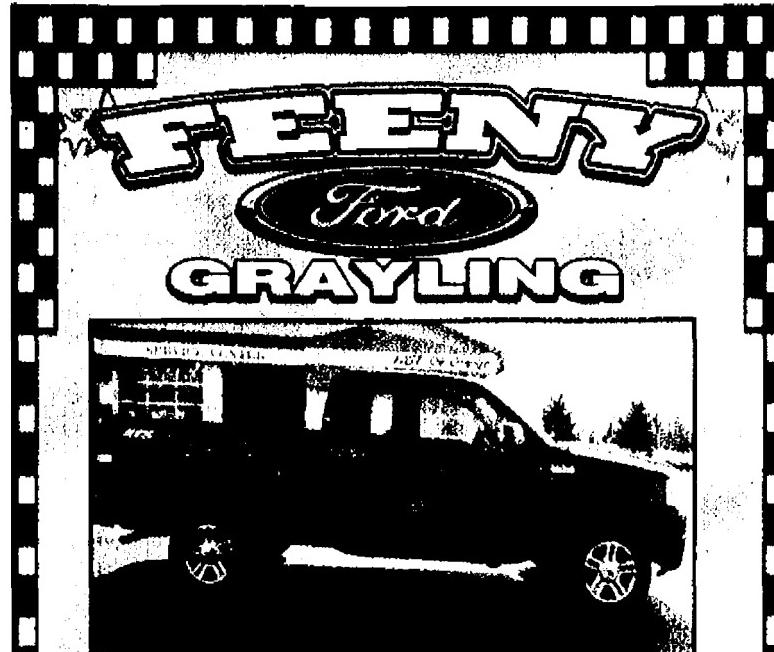
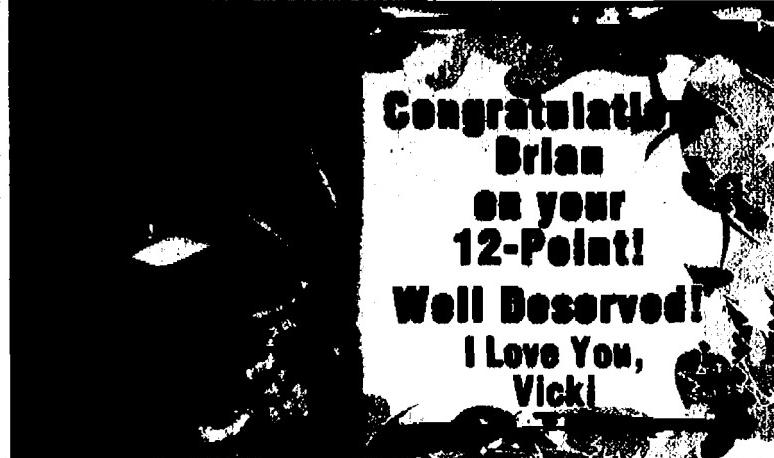
Both men had been drinking alcohol. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and both were charged with poaching.

A report has been submitted to the Crawford County Prosecutor for additional

charges, Wakefield said.

Poaching a deer is a mandatory \$200 to \$1,000 fine, five to 90 days in jail, \$1,500 restitution for the deer, revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of the year convicted, plus the next three consecutive years,

according to the Department of Natural Resources. Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a \$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.



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VOLUNTEERS SERVE UP THANKSGIVING FEAST

The 19th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner was served at the Camp Grayling Army Airfield Mess Hall this year in honor of one of the founders, Skip Kaiser, who died in August after battling lung cancer. Above, Larry Dominick, Robert Young and Jim Johnson stir up a huge bowl of mashed potatoes. Below, Emma Kuziel takes a container of hot Thanksgiving turkey and side dishes to be packaged for deliveries.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



Cops for Kids Christmas tree sale is underway

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approximately 200 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. Douglas fir and black hills spruce trees are \$40, blue spruce are \$35 and scotch pine trees are \$20. The prices are the same as

they were last year.

"A lot of people help out with donations, which allows us to keep the trees pretty reasonably priced," said Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Finstrom, who is the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Proceeds from the Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale go toward the Shop With a Cop program. Deputies take students shopping at the Grayling Kmart for much needed items, such as coats, mittens and hats, along with a couple of fun items for the children and their families.

"We're looking for the opportunity to take between 20 to 25 kids from the community who are underprivileged or may not have the

funds that some families have, so we can take them shopping at the local Kmart," Finstrom said.

The Grayling Kmart provides a 10 percent discount, which allows the students involved in the program to get the most bang for their buck at Christmas time.

"That allows the kids to get a little bit more stuff," Finstrom said.

After the shopping excursion, the youngsters are treated to a pizza luncheon at the Grayling Eagles Club. The Grayling Eagles Women's Auxiliary donates huge food baskets for the children to take home.

Finstrom said the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association is looking forward to another stellar holiday season.

"With the economy the

way it is, there are definitely more families who need it," Finstrom said. "There never seems to be short supply of families who need that extra help."

Finstrom added that the program offers an excellent outreach to the community, when officers are not handling their law enforcement duties.

"This is our favorite time of year," Finstrom said. "It's just such an awesome program. We couldn't do it without the community."

If the Cops for Christmas Tree Sale is not staffed when you pick up your tree, you can make payment at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office or return to pay the next day.

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Above, Steve Green, the commander of the Grayling American Legion Post #106, and Sgt. 1st Class Ed Desjardens, from Camp Grayling's Facility Engineering, display a quilt next to the shed, two items which will be raffled off to raise money for a monument commemorating the role that Camp Grayling has played in supporting the mission of the National Guard.

Raffles raising funds for Camp Grayling monument

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The Grayling American Legion Post #106, in cooperation with the Camp Grayling Centennial Memorial Committee, is currently conducting two raffles to raise funds for the Camp Grayling commemorative monument. Each raffle will be offering an 8' x 12' wooden storage shed as first prize, a handmade quilt donated by the Midnight Stitchers Quilting Guild as second prize and a \$50 gift card to the Home Depot as the third prize. The first raffle is being held on Dec. 20 and the second will be held on April 19.

The shed is currently on display at the American Legion and tickets can be purchased inside the Legion. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. The tickets will help fund the current money owed for the building of the monument cores that are located on Camp Grayling's Memorial Site located next to the Camp Grayling Chapel.

The fund is also accepting donations for the actual memorial stone that will be unveiled on July 20 to kick off the centennial celebration weekend. All monies for the stone, the cores and the celebration have to be raised through private donations, raffles and fund-raisers and corporate sponsorships. Those who donate will be commemorated in the Memorial program presented at the unveiling, donation levels are: \$25-Bronze, \$50-Silver, \$100-Gold, \$250-Platinum and \$500-Diamond.

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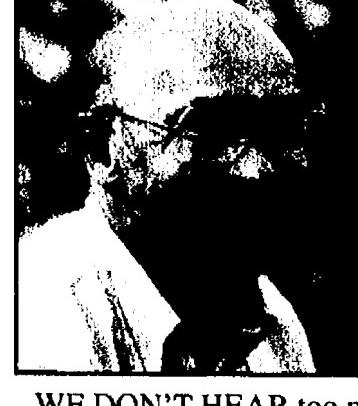
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Justice defends corporate spending in politics



WE DON'T HEAR too much from sitting members of the United States Supreme Court defending their positions on decisions made a couple of years earlier.

Justice Sam Alito is the exception this time, defending unlimited corporate spending in elections. The case called *Citizens United* was decided in 2010 on a 5-4 vote, with Mr. Alito one of the five aye votes.

In a nutshell, the Court decided corporations and unions should be treated as ordinary citizens when it comes to contributing money to political causes, and the law does not require that the names of contributors be disclosed.

The decision was blamed – or credited – with the record spending in this year's presidential and congressional election campaigns. The spillover probably helped determine the fate of five constitutional amendments in Michigan, all of which lost.

According to printed reports, \$90 million was spent by groups trying to adopt the Michigan amendments, and another \$60 million by groups trying to defeat the proposals.

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SPEAKING TO the conservative Federalist Group recently, Justice Alito, who was appointed to the Court by Republican President George W. Bush, indicated corporations should enjoy First Amendment freedom of speech rights just as citizens do.

"The question is whether speech that goes to the very heart of government should be limited to certain preferred corporations, namely media corporations," Mr. Alito said.

"Surely the idea that the First Amendment protects only certain privileged voices should be disturbing to anybody who believes in free speech."

I admit I'm neither judge nor lawyer, but the results of this decision and the reasoning the Court majority used in arriving at the decision are quite strained. It's a bad decision, and the negative results to the election process in this country are only beginning to be felt.

Money is necessary in politics, but money should not be limitless nor secret.

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MORE JUDGES – Here's another comment about the judicial process, this time the Michigan Supreme Court.

Justice Brian Zahra was appointed to the court two years ago by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder to fill a vacancy, which maintained the Republicans' 4-3 edge on the Court.

Mr. Zahra had to run in November to keep the job. He won, and the court continues its GOP majority.

In an Associated Press article shortly before the election, Justice Zahra defended 4-3 political division on the seven-member Michigan court.

"I take great issue with people who say the 4-3 split is a partisan split or is something bad," he said.

"If everything came out 7-0 or 6-1, then the Supreme Court is not taking the right cases ... It represents a philosophical divide.

"There should be a different philosophy in the judiciary, and that should be the choice that people make at election time."

It sounds to me that Justice Zahra wants all cases reaching the Michigan Supreme Court to be decided on a 4-3 vote or nearly that close, and that any legal question that draws a 6-1 or 7-0 decision has no place before the court.

Justice Zahra's "right cases" coming before the court, representing "a philosophical divide" should bring business decisions or worker decisions, insurance company decisions or policy holder decisions, management decisions or union decisions, Republican decisions or Democratic decisions.

Court critics often complain that's the way the system works now with our strange mix of partisan nominated but non-partisan elected Supreme Court Justices.

That's not the way it should be.

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ONCE MORE I admit I'm neither judge nor attorney, but it seems to me Mr. Zahra is barking up the wrong tree in his assessment of judicial process.

All politics, represented by overriding

philosophical considerations, should be parked at the door of the courtroom before any case is heard.

In theory, our judicial system and all our courts, from the local district court to the United States Supreme Court, should be non-partisan. Judges should be above politics.

I have never been able to understand how seven robed justices in Michigan, or nine justices in Washington, can listen to the same testimony, read the same legal briefs, apply the same laws and precedents, and come out with so many split decisions.

These justices are supposed to be highly trained and experienced through the same legal systems. They all hold degrees in the study of law. What happens in the judicial process that too often turns out multitudes of widely ranging opinions?

Maybe Judge Zahra is right. In his world, politics – which in one way or another, elective or appointive – has bestowed the judicial robes upon these human beings.

Can we change the Zahra rules of jurisprudence and assure that our courts at all levels are controlled by men and women who can and will put aside pre-conceived personal philosophies and decide each case on its individual merit?

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Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Holiday shopping safety tips

The holidays, a time for cheer, hope and joy, are here, but with them can come an increase in crime. "Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else because they represent an increased opportunity for crime," said Sheriff Wakefield. To help your shopping go safely Sheriff Wakefield offers the following tips:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Deter pickpockets and

purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.

- Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

- Never leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.

- Never carry large amounts of cash. Whenever possible use credit cards, debit cards or checks.

- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and

gifts in the trunk.

- When returning to your car or home always have your keys in hand, ready to open the door.

- Before entering your vehicle carefully check the front and rear seats and floors for anyone that may be hiding there.

- Shop with friends or relatives. There is safety in numbers.

- Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Viewpoint

By Cathy Newkirk, MSU Extension educator

Bed bugs return to Michigan

To address the recent bed bug issue, Michigan State University Extension is partnering with the Michigan Department of Community Health to develop and distribute information and resources to Michigan residents. Rapid spread of bed bug infestations is a result of bed bugs' ability to travel so easily.

"For decades, these tiny pests were almost non-existent in our state, thanks to improved living standards and the widespread use of insecticides," said MSU Extension educator Cathy Newkirk. "Today, however, they have made a dramatic comeback. Bed bugs have developed resistance to many widely used pesticides. Couple this with increased travel and the transient nature of many

segments of the population, and we have the perfect formula for the rapid spread of infestations."

Newkirk explained that bed bugs can be found in any setting and any type of space. Because of their ability to hide, they are difficult to control. People do not notice they are in an infested location and, once established, these bugs can quickly travel, either on their own or as hitchhikers on people's clothing or belongings.

"They can be found in shelters, hotels, dorm rooms, hospitals, schools, apartments and homes. Bed bugs will infest any human dwelling, from the most cramped student apartment to the most luxurious five-star hotel," Newkirk said.

Bed bugs do not transmit

contagious diseases, but red, itchy swelling is seen at the sight of the bite. Young children and older adults who live in homes infested with bed bugs may suffer from anemia. Studies have shown that allergens emitted in bed bug environments can cause reactions in people with asthma; repeated exposure can lead to more severe localized or generalized allergic reactions.

"Bed bugs are difficult to control because they are so skilled at hiding. The good news in all of this is that bed bugs do not carry disease," Newkirk said.

For information on how to prevent or treat bed bug infestations, visit the Michigan Department of Community Health website, www.michigan.gov/bedbugs.

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Letters to the Editor

Why are road conditions so poor in county?

To the editor:

Can anyone explain why the road conditions in Crawford County are as poor as they are? Whether it is summer or winter, as soon as you enter an adjoining county, the road conditions improve.

Are taxes too low in Crawford County to main-

tain the roads? Is there too much State land in Crawford County to collect taxes from? Is the State not paying enough for the roads?

It would really be nice to get an answer to these questions.

Scott Norman

Frederic

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each

line; on lined paper use every other line.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Briefs

Crawford County Dems to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet at the Grayling Township Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. and hold their official County meeting to elect officers for the next two year election cycle. Nominations from the floor are welcome. Membership in the Michigan Democratic Party is required to be elected.

CCUW to hold benefit event

The Crawford County United Way will hold The Bros. Bistro Community Benefit Night on Friday, Nov. 30. A portion of the proceeds from all meals ordered between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. that evening will be donated to the non-profit organization which serves more than a dozen local human services agencies and a variety of special projects throughout the year. The Bros. Bistro is located at 1250 Marlette Rd. in Waters in the former McDonald's location.

Church to hold fellowship for women

Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72 West, will be hosting a community fellowship for women on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m., featuring Dr. Linda Mintle, leading author and psychologist. She will speak on problems facing women from eating habits and self esteem and body image. Call for reservations, 231-258-6112.

Train Exhibit to be held

The Goodale Train Exhibit will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. Take M-72 East to Industrial Dr., left to the Railroad crossing sign. Bring canned goods or cash donation for the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary to celebrate annual Lights of Love

This holiday season, the Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary will again sponsor 'Lights of Love.' This project is a thoughtful way for members of the community to honor someone special.

The 'Lights of Love' program will offer a tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in front of the hospital, followed by a reception in the hospital cafeteria.

Each donation, in memory or in honor of a loved one, will purchase a light to help illuminate the tree. In addition to the lights, the names of those being honored will be displayed in the hospital lobby area throughout the holiday season.

The minimum donation

Grayling VA Clinic to hold ribbon cutting and dedication

The Grayling VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) opened its doors to Veterans in Grayling and surrounding communities on Nov. 13 at 1680 Hartwick Pines Road, Grayling.

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. Veterans, their families, and the community are invited to attend this celebration in bringing services closer to the homes of Veterans in and around Grayling.

The clinic provides primary care, mental health care, laboratory blood draws and other specialty care through tele-health, which is satellite-based technology. Prosthetic

shoe services will also be provided by a Pedorthist on site.

Veterans interested in receiving care at the new clinic in Grayling should contact the VA Call Center at 1-800-406-5143, extension 11230.

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Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 25 of \$25 each; Joe Belanski, Nancy Stiver and Mark Bryans.

Crawford County United Way

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Way's Cash for Christmas Raffle are 1st Prize - Jim Perna and 2nd Prize - Karyn Ruley.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Nov. 23 was Donna Cross.

Chamber spotlights Grayling Outdoor Products, Inc.



Grayling Outdoor Products, Inc. receives the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award. Pictured above, left to right, CEO Charlie Tinker; Kimberly Tinker, gen. mgr., and Sharon Priebe, owner/vp. Missing from photo, Ray Priebe, owner/president.

Grayling Outdoor Products, Inc. (GOP) located at 2075 Industrial Dr., Grayling, received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for November.

GOP opened in 1978. Owners Ray and Sharon Priebe decided to start an archery company because Bear Archery moved to Gainesville, Fla.

After working closely for over 15 years with Fred Bear in design and manufacturing Ray felt it was important to maintain the Grayling name after the Bear Archery moved. GOP started out small in the garage of Fred Bear's daughter until buying the building on Industrial Dr. in 1980. After moving production there they quickly became innovators in the field of archery accessories

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Grayling Outdoor Products was the first company to introduce the camo quiver and one of the first companies to come out with the universal fletching jig.

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Today they staff five or more employees manufacturing archery and recreational accessories. Their products are sold to distributors and dealers and are also available online.

As Ray and Sharon near retirement they have joined with their son and his wife, Charles, CEO, and Kimberly, general manager, to continue moving the company forward.

They have been a chamber member on and off since the 70s.

Library News

The Genealogy Group meets at Devereaux Memorial Library each Monday from 9 a.m. till noon. Study ancestry and discover your family history with the help of experienced genealogists.

Story Hour is held every Wednesday at Devereaux Memorial Library at 11:15 a.m. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can experience an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and snacks.

"Meet Johnny Rebel!" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. This is Part II in our reading and discussion series on Making Sense of the American Civil War

sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the A.L.A. Relive the life of an average confederate soldier (a.k.a. scholar Wendell Hoover) who will lead the discussion. Mr. Hoover is a war re-enactor with a 41 year career with the Michigan DNR at Hartwick Pines, where he developed exhibits and historical interpretations. To sign up or for additional information contact Jane at 989-348-9214.

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Dec. 6-12 will be as follows:

Small arms range, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, Dec. 11.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 12.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Stephen Bridge Road, Dec. 6-8.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

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God delivered Israel out of 400 years of slavery in Egypt as stated by Moses in Deuteronomy 9:29: "29Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm." God delivered our forefathers from religious bondage and brought them to this country to establish religious freedom for all peoples. God gives each nation the government it deserves. As Daniel 4:17 states: "17This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." 28For the

kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations." (Psa. 22:28). "19The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all." (Psa. 103:19).

Israel abandoned God's civil and moral laws which were the foundation of their nation and started doing their own thing as stated in Judges 17:6 and 21:25: "25In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Israel said to Samuel in 1 Samuel 8:5: "5And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." Israel's governing system was becoming corrupted so they chose tyranny over corrupted freedom. Samuel prayed in 1 Samuel 8:6 and received God's answer in 1 Samuel 8:7: "7And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." God allowed the voice or vote of the people to reject God, truth, and freedom for the bondage of tyranny to be like other nations. Samuel tried to warn them in 1 Samuel 8:19,20: "19Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel: and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles." I fear that America is following the past sins of Israel, Britain, and other European nations by abandoning God, the Bible, and freedom. Pastor "B"

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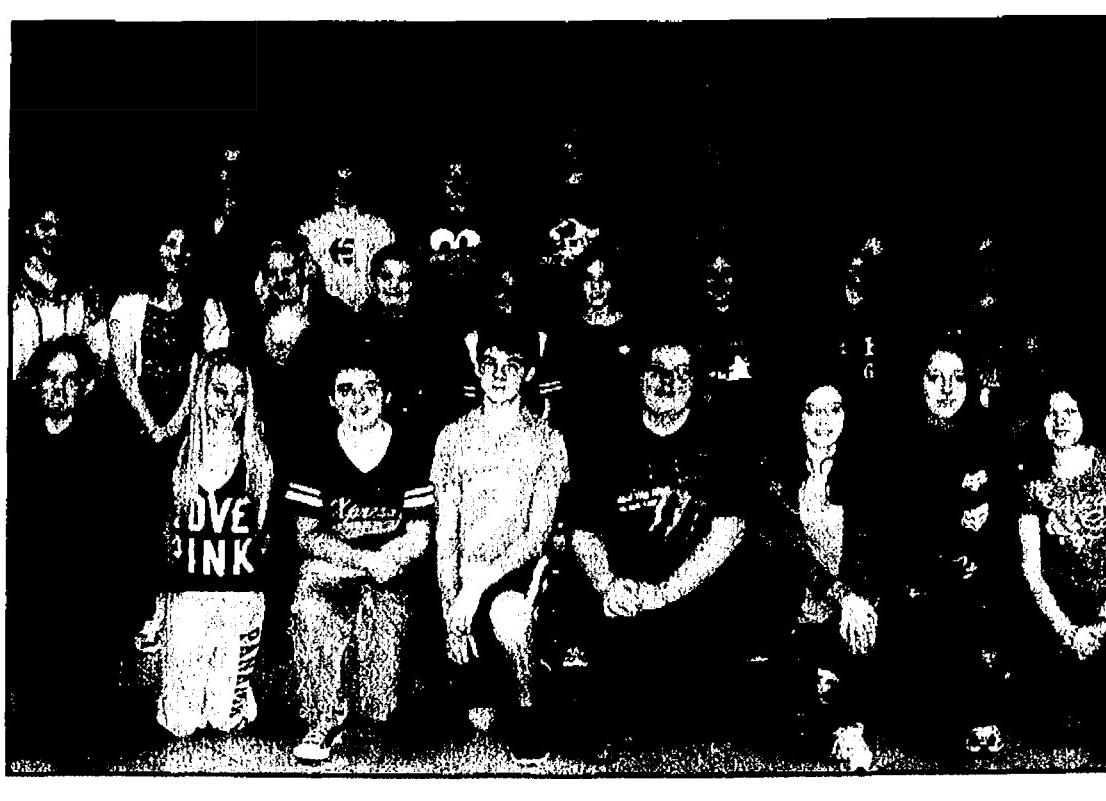
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GMS names students of the month



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1920 Wellington is your guide to tell you about the times, the people and the way of life. In each of the buildings visited, another segment of the play is presented.

"The Farm By Lantern Light" will be presented on December 7, 8, 14 and 15. Do to the nature of the program, reservations are an absolute must. Reservations can be made by calling 989 348 5187, by sending an email

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Bill to ban pavement sealants stalls in committee

by Patrick Lyons

Capital News Service

LANSING — Legislators in Michigan and other Great Lakes states are proposing to ban coal-tar pavement sealants that kill aquatic animals and possibly threaten human health.

Such bans are in place in 15 municipalities and two counties in Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York and Texas. Washington has a statewide prohibition.

Coal-tar sealant used primarily on parking lots made with coal-tar pitch, a human carcinogen, according to Environmental Science & Technology magazine.

The sealants contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons – PAHs for short – some of which are considered probable human carcinogens by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Industry experts say there is insufficient scientific evidence that coal-tar sealants adversely affect people or wildlife.

But Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton Township, the sponsor of a ban bill, said, "With it being a carcinogen, I thought we should keep pursuing it so we can get this legislation pushed through."

Slavens said she's unsure what is holding up the legislation awaiting review in the House Committee on Regulatory Reform.

"I have not heard from any groups, usually someone will call you up and say, 'Why are you doing this?'" she said. "But I have not heard any negatives on my bill from any group."

Coal-tar sealants release large amounts of PAHs into the environment during application. And as they

erode, rain can wash them into lakes, rivers and streams.

That threatens both the Great Lakes watershed and human health, said Peter Van Metre, a research hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Austin, Texas.

PAHs don't dissolve in water but build up in the sediment of lakes and streams in urban and suburban areas that receive runoff from parking lots sealed with coal-tar. Once in the watershed, they can cause mutations and birth defects in aquatic life, Van Metre said.

Levels have increased in the sediment of urban and suburban lakes since 2000 even when other major sources, like power plants, have cut emissions.

Negative effects on fish and other aquatic animals include inhibited reproduction, fin erosion, liver abnormalities, cataracts and death, according to Geological Survey reports.

There have been no studies on the negative human health effects of the sealant, Van Metre said. But because it contains multiple contaminants that cause cancer in other animals, it is a probable carcinogen for humans.

Because PAHs don't dissolve in water, they don't threaten the safety of drinking water, according to the Geological Survey. But people can absorb them through inhalation of wind-blown particles, ingestion of dust or skin contact.

The Environmental Health Perspectives Journal reported that prenatal exposure to high-levels of airborne PAHs can be linked to lower mental development at age 3. And Columbia University researchers found

a correlation between high levels of prenatal exposure and obesity at ages 5 and 7.

Neither study made a distinction about the source of PAHs or linked exposure directly to sealcoats.

Such studies have prompted legislators to propose bans of the coal-tar sealcoat in several states including Michigan, Illinois and New York. These bills remain in committee.

Anne LeHuray, executive director of the Pavement Coating Technology Council in Alexandria, Va., said the only real impact of a ban is to hurt small businesses.

"A ban would affect revenues, employment and it would have no environmental benefit; I feel that is pretty demonstrable," she said.

"Local politicians in particular are being misled — they are always looking for something they can do for their constituents, and coal-tar sealants are being made out to be such a horrific source of PAHs and it's not."

She said the Geological Survey's research has overblown the risk to human health and overstates the amount of PAHs produced by the sealants.

Activists exaggerate the danger to humans, LeHuray said, and no one in the industry is aware of an insurance claim for damages or health problems from sealcoats.

The Geological Survey is wrong on the amount of PAHs released as well, she said. A report from the Pavement Council on PAH releases in New York and New Jersey shows coal-tar sealant contributing only 0.4 percent of total PAHs.

That data is consistent

with what Van Metre found in Great Lakes states.

"In the Great Lakes region, the high levels of PAHs are due to the region's history of coal stoking and iron production, not parking lots," he said.

But annually more PAHs are released into the environment by the application and wear of coal-tar sealcoat than from all vehicle emissions, said Van Metre.

Slavens said she wants to alert the public to a safer asphalt-based alternative that has 1,000 times fewer PAHs than coal-tar sealant.

But LeHuray said asphalt-based sealant doesn't last as long, and as a petroleum product its price fluctuates with the price of oil. That unpredictability is why many applicators choose not to use it.

"Someone seals a parking lot to protect their underlying investment in the asphalt," LeHuray said. "If you are using the regular coal-tar base sealer it only has to be redone every three to five years. If you are using the asphalt base sealer, you have to redo it every one to two years. And there hasn't been a full scale study of how much environmental impact there is when one has to pave more often."

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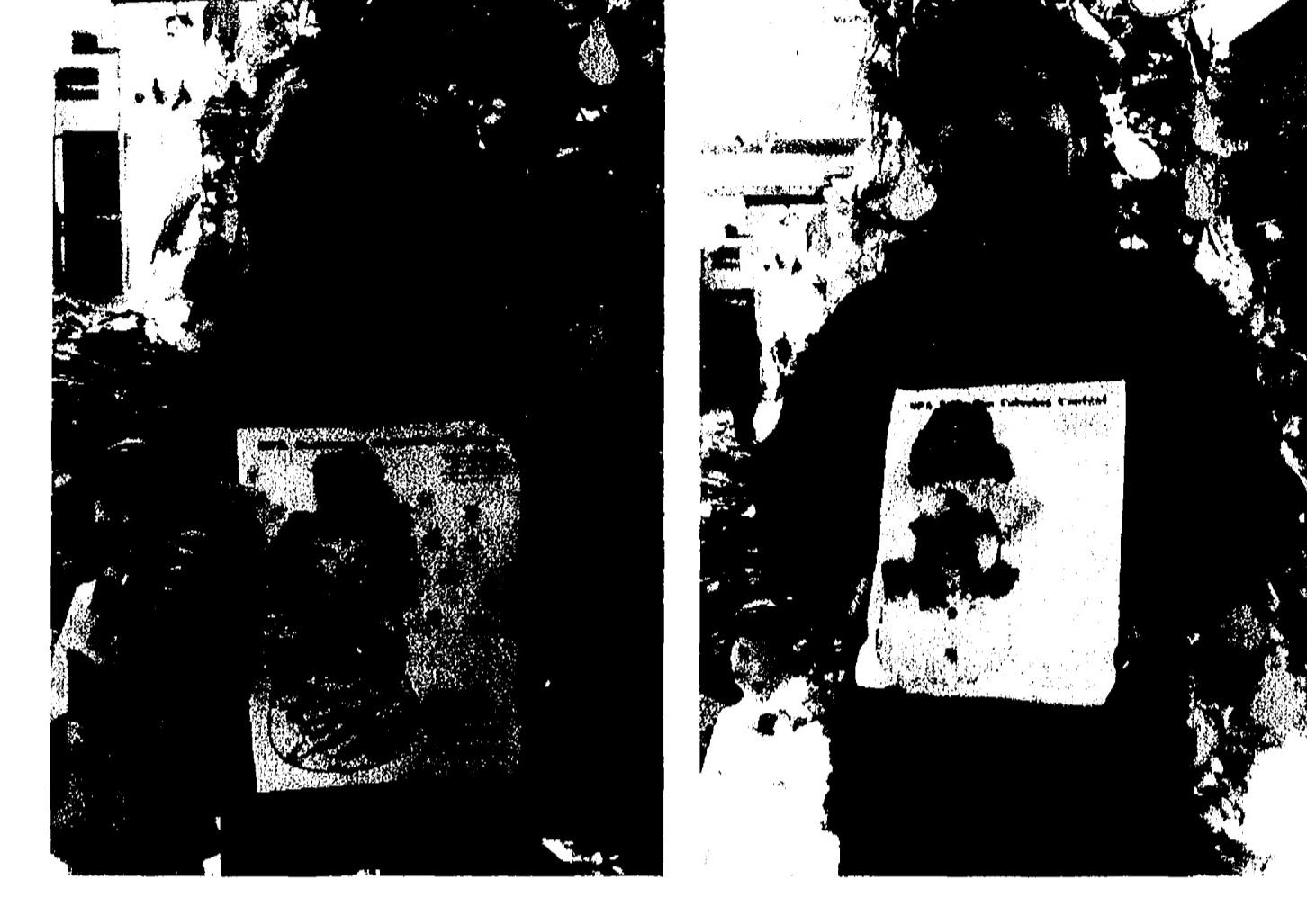
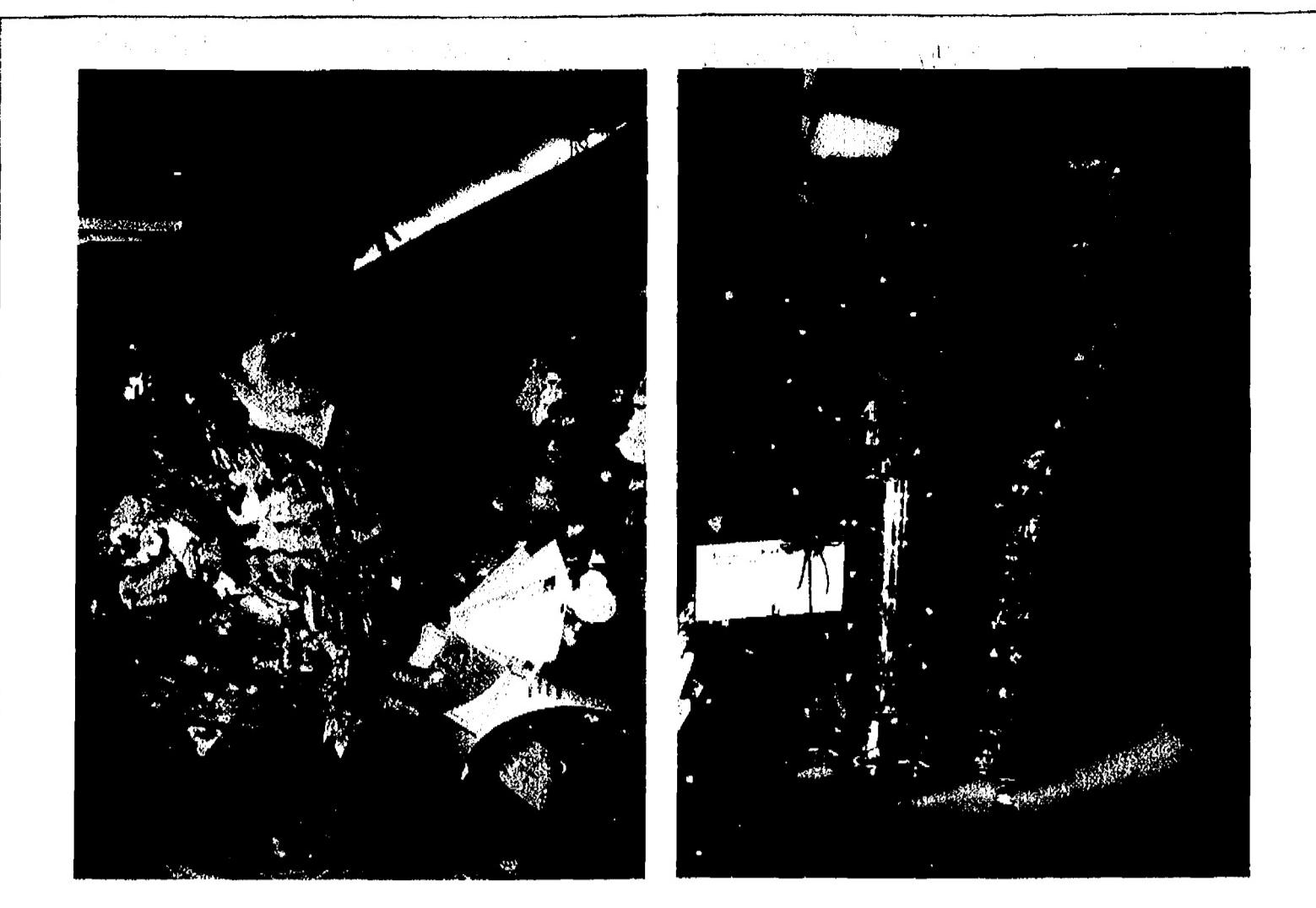
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Dogs may pose threat to water supply, health

by Edith Zhou

Capital News Service

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- Environmentalists and public health experts want that new puppy to come with a lifetime supply of plastic bags, preferably biodegradable.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the 78 million dogs in the United States create 10 million tons of feces annually, polluting waterways and posing a threat to public health.

Michigan has 3,288 miles of coast line, the second only to Alaska's, and all those beaches are irresistible to dog owners.

"Pets can contribute fecal pollution to our waterways. This is mostly in the spring to fall when we are out enjoying the water with our pets," said Joan Rose, the co-director of the Center for Water Sciences of Michigan State University.

According to a survey by EPA, 40 percent of dog owners do not pick up their pets' waste at all and all that

waste pollutes waterways.

And two or three days worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles to swimming and shell fishing.

Abandoned pet waste presents human health hazards to families and communities, Rose said, including so-called "zoonotic" pathogens.

"These are bacteria and parasites that infect the intestinal tract of humans and animals and are excreted in our feces which are poops. These pathogens can be transmitted from animals to humans and from humans to animals by contaminated hands, surfaces, food and water. These include bacteria like salmonella, and parasites like cryptosporidium and giardia," she said.

Shannon Briggs, toxicologist at the Department of Environmental Quality, said that people are doing a good job cleaning up after their

dogs.

"Owners could prevent the pollution easily by being sure the dog has had its daily constitutional prior to the trip to the beach and by picking up after the dog. And many local communities are educating their residents how to take care of the problem," she said.

Rose said people should really be aware that their health and their pet's health are linked.

"Be sure to take any sick animal to the vet, especially young puppies that may be more prone to accidents and may also be more susceptible to being sick with diarrhea. Wash your hands and sanitize surfaces. Don't drink untreated water and be careful about swimming at highly populated dog beaches," she said.

Only a small portion of beaches in Michigan are pet-friendly and Rose said that pets can not contribute as large a percentage of pollution as industry and agriculture.

Area Events

Boyne City - Hospice of Michigan will host a free screening of its powerful documentary on the end of life, "Except for Six," on Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. at The Brook of Boyne City,

701 Vogel Street. A panel discussion will follow the film, which is free and open to the public and to the media. Light refreshments will be served. The screening is presented by the

Gaylord office of Hospice of Michigan. For more information or to RSVP for the event, contact Jeanne Marriott, 989.358.4292 or jmarriot@hom.org.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Nov. 30 - Lunch - BBQ pork sandwich, O'Brien potatoes, Brussels sprouts and an apple. No Dinner. 9 a.m. Hanging of the Greens, 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool - 9 Ball.

Monday, Dec. 3 - Lunch - original fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, baked beans and orange sections. Dinner - shepherds pie, cauliflower and grapes. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Beginning Clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, carrots and pears. Dinner - chicken stir fry with rice, asparagus and pears. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba

Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and fruit cocktail. Dinner - baked ham, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas and carrots and pineapple, lemon bar. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Pool - Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling, Mahjong, 5:30 p.m. Karaoke.

Thursday, Dec. 6 - Lunch - meatloaf, boiled potatoes, peas and carrots, apple and a brownie. Dinner - tuna steak, peas, scalloped potatoes and applesauce. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's.

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Michigan has a growing gap between haves and have-nots

by Celeste Bott

Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan has a widening income gap, according to a national study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute.

The institute, a nonprofit research organization based in Washington, D.C., compared the incomes of the richest households to low- and middle-income households, showing inequality at the state level.

Elizabeth McNichol, co-author of the report and a specialist on fiscal issues, said that while income inequality is a national problem, state governments can make changes that can help close the gap and promote more economic growth.

"As state policy makers plan their budgets for next year, they should pursue policies that push back against the trend of rising inequality," McNichol said. "States that narrow -- rather than widen -- income gaps will reap economic benefits in the long run."

Actions state governments can take include raising the minimum wage, making tax systems less

regressive, strengthening support for low-income workers, and improving the unemployment insurance system, according to the institute.

The study -- which measured Census Bureau income data from the late 1970s through the late 2000s -- showed the widening income gap is primarily attributed to falling incomes of the poor.

According to the report, *Pulling Apart: A State-by-State Analysis of Income Trends*, there was an average 10.3 percent drop in incomes among the bottom 20 percent of Michigan households in the last decade.

The richest 5 percent of households have incomes more than space 12 times larger than that bottom 20 percent.

Michigan was one of 11 states where the incomes of the top 5 percent of households increased by 85 percent to 162 percent.

By contrast, income growth in the bottom fifth of households stayed below 27 percent in all those states, and Michigan was the only state in which they actually fell, according to the report.

Judy Putnam, communications director for the Michigan League for Public Policy, said the gap is largely due to long stretches of unemployment.

Karen Holcomb-Merrill, policy director for the league, said she agreed with McNichol that policy changes would reduce the economic divide.

"In years past, Michigan has been a shining example of an economy that works because of a strong middle class," Holcomb-Merrill said. "We need to make sure our budget and tax system strengthen our low- and middle-income families rather than making life more difficult for them."

Possible solutions include restoring the traditional unemployment period to 26 weeks instead of the current 20 weeks, returning the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit to 20 percent and indexing the state's minimum wage law to inflation to keep up with rising costs, according to the League.

Sheldon Danziger, a professor of public policy at the University of Michigan, researches the causes of such income gaps by studying the effects of economic policy changes on trends in poverty and inequality.

"Most economists cite several factors that have contributed to rising inequality," Danziger said. "Labor-saving technological changes, the globalization of labor and product markets, immigration of less-educated workers, the declining real value of the minimum wage and declining unionization all contribute."

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Varsity boys basketball squad to host Roscommon in season opener next week



Matt Burrell throws the ball to a teammate during a passing drill on Nov. 16.



Tyler McClanahan goes up for the ball during a rebounding drill on Friday, Nov. 16 – the fifth day of Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball practice.

SPEED UP

Basketball team – a young group – looks to play fast, use its quickness

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's varsity boys basketball squad from Grayling High School does not have a lot varsity experience – only six of the team's 13 players were on the squad last year – but the program's coach expects "speed and quickness" and transition play to be strengths during a season in which the Vikings will have to improve as they gain experience.

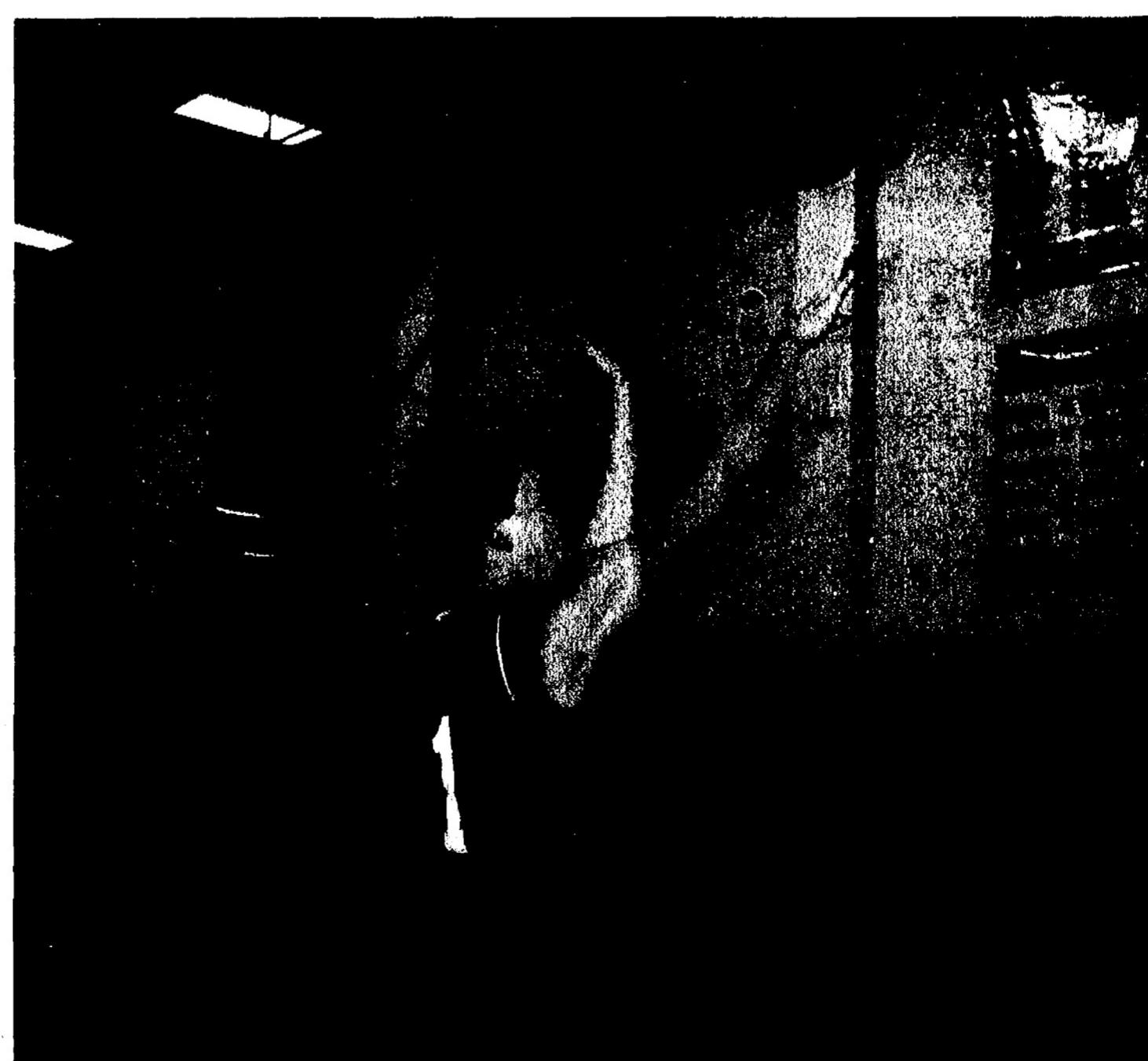
"I expect that we will improve a ton this year and play at a very high level by the end of the year if we can avoid injuries," Coach Rich Moffit said.

The squad started its official practice sessions on Nov. 12.

"We have had a solid two weeks of practice," Coach Moffit said. "Our kids are working very hard and been engaged both mentally and physically."

This year's squad has 13 players – four seniors and nine juniors. The team: Tyler McClanahan (junior), Scott Parkinson (senior), Jake Swander (junior), Justice Junttila (junior), Wes Dean (senior), Mason Krey (senior), Tyler Powers (senior), Michael Branch (junior), Matt Burrell (junior), Tyler Summers (junior), Peyton Zigila (junior), Scott Wakeley (junior), Richie Sanford (junior).

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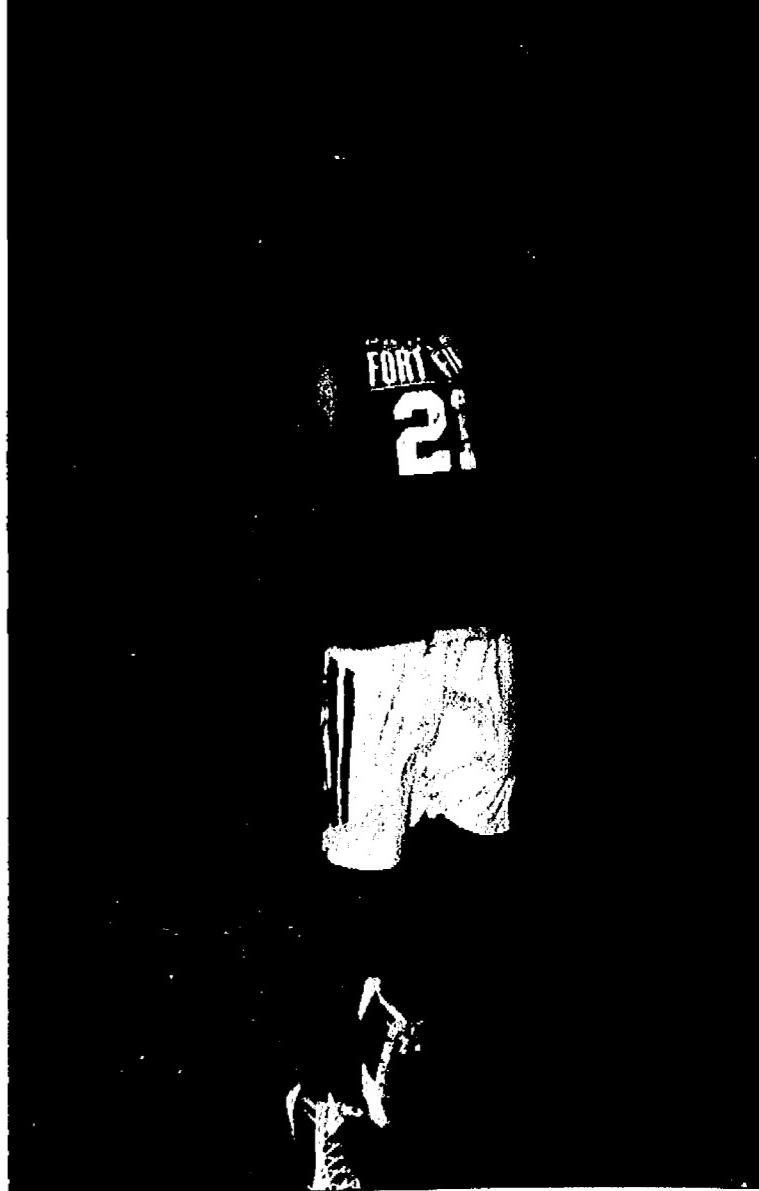
Tyler Powers shoots the ball during a recent varsity boys basketball practice session at Grayling High School.

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Basketball team - a young group - looks to play fast, use its quickness

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What's the team's strength so far?

"This has been one of the quickest and fastest teams that we have had at Grayling since I have been here. This team is very similar to our (2004-2005) teams as far as speed and quickness goes. We have the ability to really push the ball in transition. Defensively, we will be able to extend our defense and play a very quick tempo," Coach Moffit said.

Last year's squad had a strong group of seniors. This year's group is considerably younger.

"Obviously, we lost an awful lot of experience last year, but we feel good about the young kids that we have coming up through the ranks," Coach Moffit said. "Defense is

going to be a key for us. We need to be very, very good defensively if we are going to have a great year."

The team hopes to contend for a league title in a conference that Coach Moffit expects to be strong.

The Lake Michigan Conference "will be loaded again this year. I cannot remember a year when the league has been more balanced," Coach Moffit said. "On paper Boyne City is probably the favorite. (Traverse City St. Francis), Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids are all solid and can beat anybody on a given night. Kalkaska has a very good coaching staff and you will see some huge gains in their program from top to bottom. We have the potential to be in the mix at the top if we

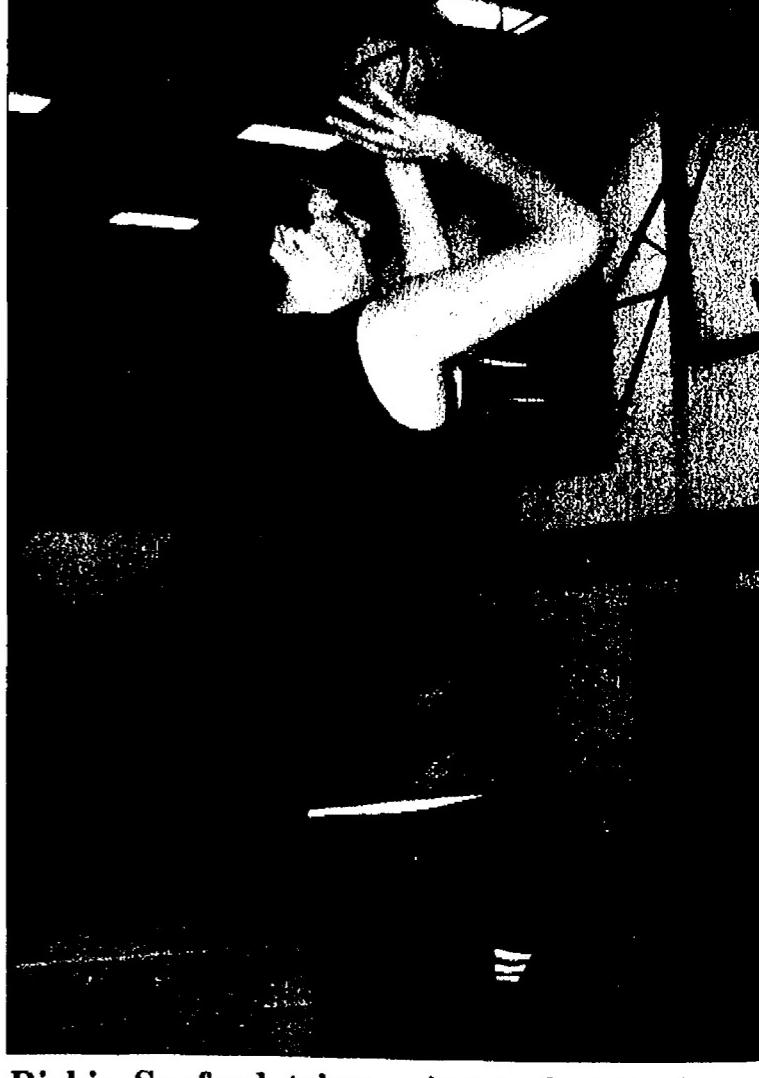
improve several areas of our game."

In addition to competing for league and district titles, the squad is hoping to "finish in the top 10 academically among Class B schools," Coach Moffit said.

The varsity squad will open its 2012-2013 season with a nonconference home game vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday, Dec. 4. The JV teams will play at 6 p.m. and the varsity contest will follow.

The team's first conference game is slated for Friday, Dec. 14. Conference games on Friday nights this season will feature both varsity squads - girls first, then boys - and other game nights will generally have the varsity boys playing after the JV boys.

Scott Wakeley dribbles toward the basket during a half-court drill.



Richie Sanford takes a jump shot during a practice session on Nov. 16.

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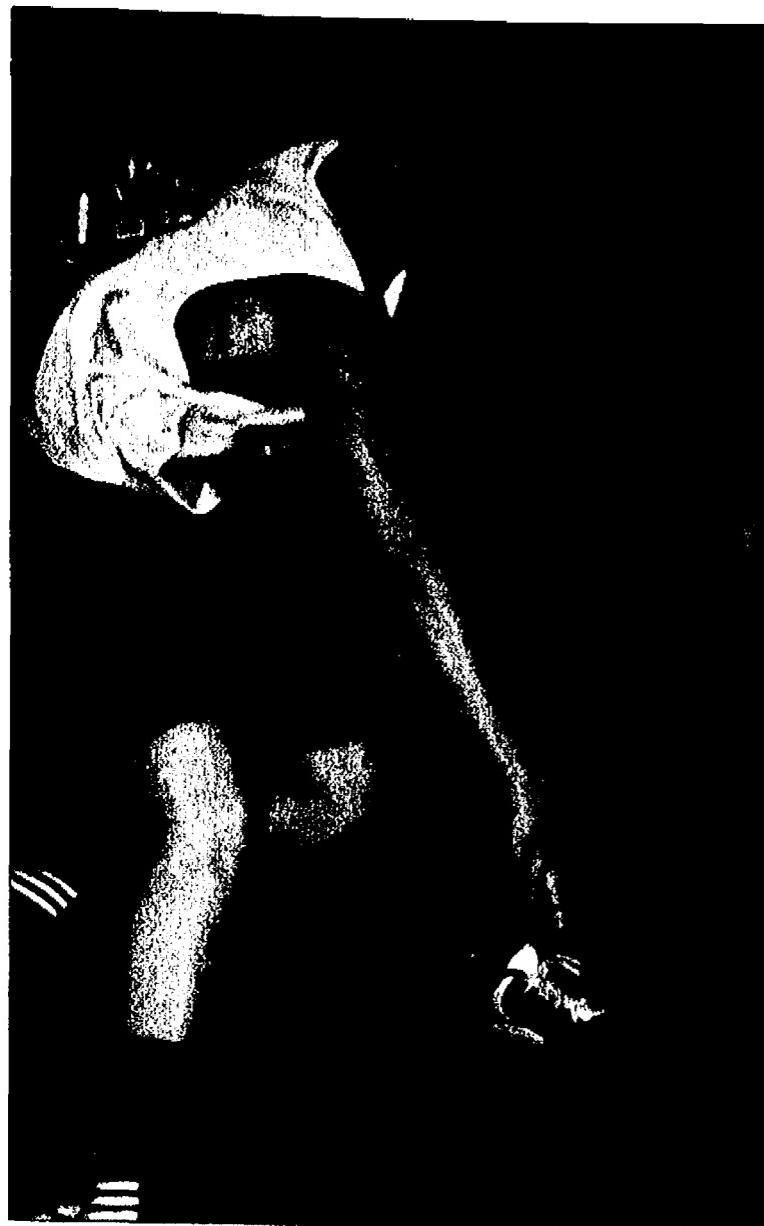


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Scott Parkinson dribbles the ball during a recent practice.



Josh Hetfield, left, and Darrin Johnson, right, dribble the ball for the GMS 8th grade team during Monday's game against Boyne City.

GMS Boys Basketball

8th grade

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball team lost 37-25 vs. the visiting Boyne City Ramblers on Monday night.

Boyne led 12-10 at the end of the first quarter. The Ramblers outscored Grayling 12-2 in the second period to lead by 12, 24-12,

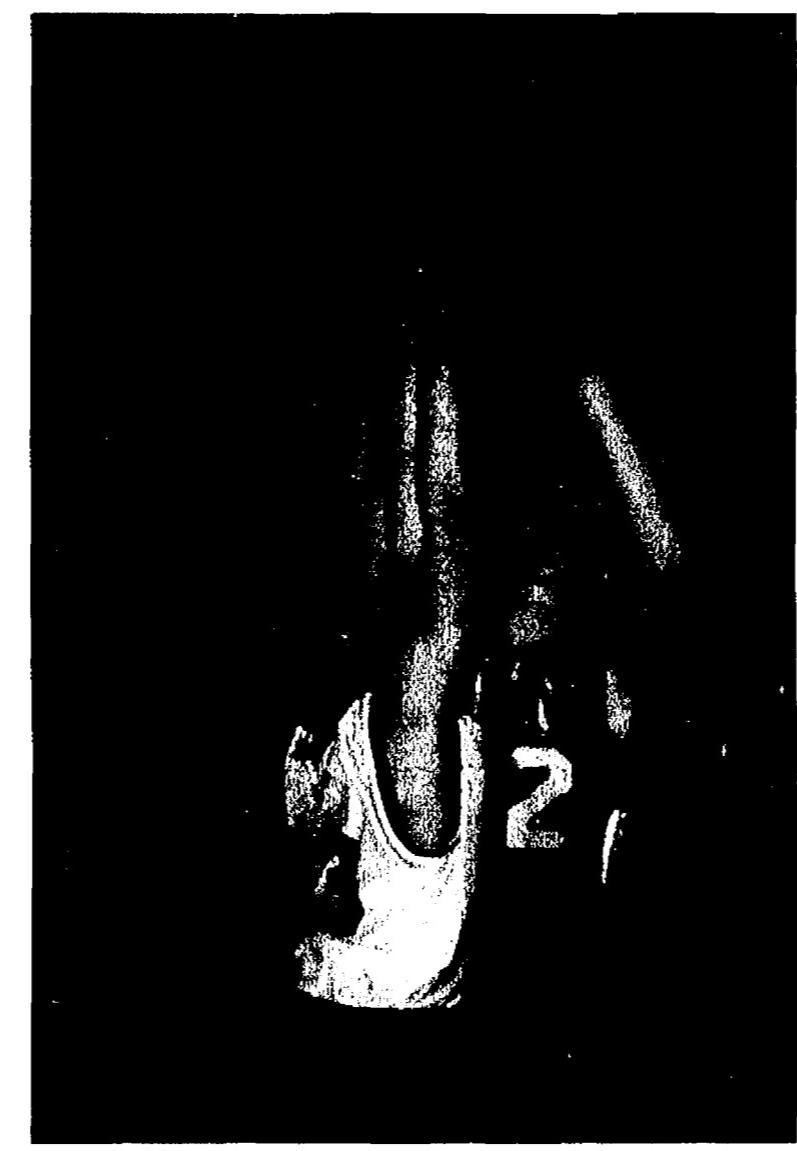
at halftime. Boyne City added to its advantage with a 9-4 third period.

Darrin Johnson had six points for the Vikings. Josh

Hetfield had five points. Troy Summers had four points.



Troy Summers shoots the ball for the 8th grade team on Monday.



Collin Bilyeu battles for a rebound vs. Boyne City.

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Spike's 25 - 23

Flowers By Josie 23 - 15

Sylvester's Sports 23 - 25

Legion Lanes 23 - 25

Bear's Den Pizza 17 - 31

High Series Women: H.

Stairs, 443; D. Hollis, 425;

N. Glasslee, 423. High

Game Women: H. Stairs,

172; N. Glasslee, 169; R.

Brown, 163. High Series

Men: D. Canfield, 573; B.

Hollis, 496; M. Brown,

480. High Game Men: L.

Crampton, 220; D. Canfield,

199; K. Louchart, 188.

Pioneer League

Legion 30 - 14

Suburban Bolt 28 - 16

T.C. Lawncare 26 - 18

Tim's Collision 22.5 - 21.5

Pink Ladies 14.5 - 29.5

High Series: S. Johnson and

M. Ginther, 513; J. Legg,

504. High Game: M.

Ginther, 220; G.

Reichelderfer, 210; S.

Johson, 199.

American Men's League

Man Cave 15 - 6

GLC Farms 13 - 8

Legion Lanes 12 - 9

Redneck's 12 - 9

Joels Team 7 - 14

N. Country Corner 4 - 17

High Series: L. Ostrowski,

695; J. Lehman, 653; L.

Kinsey, 637. High Game:

L. Davis, 278; L. Ostrowski,

243; R. Bonnie, 240.

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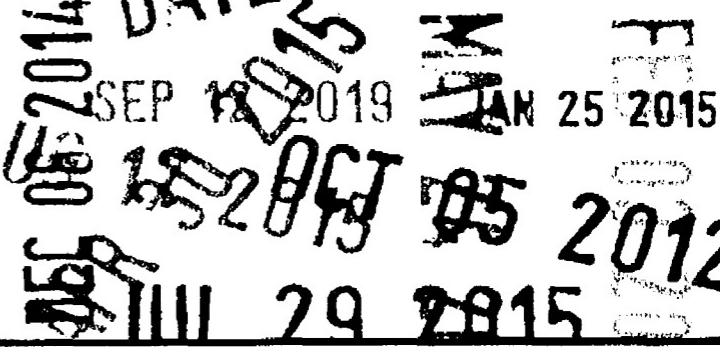
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Austin Jubb, left, shoots the ball for Grayling's 7th/8th grade combo team on Monday. Bronson Wellman, right, dribbles the ball for GMS vs. Boyne City.

GMS Boys Basketball

7th/8th grade

The 7th/8th grade boys basketball team from Grayling Middle School lost 25-11 vs. Boyne City on Monday.

Boyne led 4-0 at the end of the first period. Grayling had a 9-6 advantage at half-

time. The Vikings scored only two points in the second half – none in the fourth quarter – and Boyne won by 14.

Isaac Livermore had four points for the Vikings. Austin Molands had four points. Bronson Wellman scored three points.



Isaac Livermore grabs a rebound for the 7th/8th grade combo team on Monday night vs. Boyne City.

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tuted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of January, 2013, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 17 of the recorded plat of East Branch Estates; thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East, 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 121 feet; thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East, 66 feet; thence South 70 degrees 39 minutes East 83.25 feet; thence South 53 degrees 55 minutes East, 140 feet to the bank of the East branch of the AuSable River; thence South 48 degrees 20 minutes West (along bank), 25 feet; thence South 20 degrees 49 minutes West (along bank), 130 feet, to the Section line;

thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes West, 243.8 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the waters edge of the East branch of the AuSable River. Commonly known as: 4875 Warner Dr. Tax Parcel No.: 20-040-44-032-01-040-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 29, 2012 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10097336 (11-29)(12-20) -29-6-13-20

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bradley A. Baker, A Single Man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc (MERS) as nominee for Guaranty Residential Lending Inc, Mortgagee, dated the 28th day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 2nd day of November, 2004 in Liber 672 of Crawford County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence South 200 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 300 feet; thence West 400 feet; thence North 500 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence South 200 feet to the point of beginning, Township of Frederic, Crawford County. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 11/29/2012 Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgage FABRIZIO & BROOK, PC Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 GTAZ FNMA BakerBrad (11-29)(12-20) -29-6-13-20

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 12-8107-DE
Estate of Bernard Laisch, deceased
Date of birth: 01/10/1934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Bernard James Laisch, deceased, who lived at 9285 Outing Place, Grayling, Michigan died 10/31/2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Linda Munsey, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 11/15/12

Attorney
Jason R. Thompson P66027
PO Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
348-6141

Personal representative
Linda Munsey
9285 Outing Place
Grayling, MI 49738

**STATE OF
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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**



Legal Action

NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SCOTT F Grougan, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to The Huntington National Bank, successor by merger to Empire National Bank dated the 20th day of September, 1999, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of October, 1999, in Liber 492, Page 32 of Crawford Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$56,261.29 (fifty-six thousand two hundred sixty-one and 29/100) plus accrued interest at 3.75% (three point seven five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of December, 2012, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan: Lots 31 and 32, USABLE WOODS NO. 3, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 2141 Irene Avenue Tax Parcel No.: 20-040-45-142-00-031-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 8, 2012 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10107253 (11-08)(11-29)

-8-15-22-29

NOTICE

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1502. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peggy Kish and Steve Kish, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company formerly known as GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2007 and recorded August 28, 2007 in Liber 688, Page 304, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. Recorded on 10/5/2012 in Liber 710, page 758, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Ten and 67/100 Dollars (\$54,010.67) including interest at 6.475% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 01/02/2013. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling,

-20-6-13-20

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Mortgagee / Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 1, 1966 - Vicki Lynn Wells, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells, was chosen as Miss Grayling 1967 by a panel of five judges, winning out over four other candidates.

23 Years Ago

November 30, 1989

The calendar says winter won't be here for another three weeks but the Crawford AuSable School District has already used up half of its allotted days off because of ice and snow.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling operated the concession at the Four Mile rest area on Monday and Tuesday before rifle deer season opened serving coffee, cookies and donuts. The club received donations from the travelers and with the donuts provided by Goodale's Bakery, the club

will have a few more dollars to spend in the community.

Olivet College sophomore, Carrie Trudeon of Grayling, was named the "Comet of the Week" for her exceptional volleyball efforts during the week of Oct. 9 - Oct. 15.

46 Years Ago

December 1, 1966

The Grayling Vikings basketball team with their first win behind them, a 91 to 60 lacing of the Lake City Trojans last Tuesday here, face the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday. On Tuesday, the schools were

closed due to the extreme weather conditions, the game was cancelled.

Mrs. Charles Madill (Abbie) is the new correspondent for the Avalanche since Mrs. Nowlin has moved from Frederic. Mrs. Madill would appreciate it if folks would call her when they have news for the paper. Items can also be left at the Frederic Post Office with Mrs. Leng.

"Smorgasbord" at the Penguin Inn every Wednesday at 6 p.m. for \$2.95 per person, all you can eat.

69 Years Ago

December 2, 1943

With machinery in poor condition and new equipment and repairs limited, it is reported that the County Road Commission members have decided that it will be impossible for their crews to plow out anything other than regular county roads.

The County Commander of Civilian Defense, Floyd Davis, has appointed Middie LaMotte, as chief of the fire guard service,

George Granger as chief of emergency utilities division and Robert LaMotte as chief of plant protection. They have just received new arm band insignia for air raid wardens and Red Cross units.

Airlines of Petoskey has petitioned the state public service commission for the certificate conveyance to provide airline service to northern Michigan communities after the war. The company announced plans to operate twin engine, six passenger planes. The new line will serve Traverse City, Grayling, Oscoda, Alpena, Rogers City, Cheboygan, St. Ignace, Pellston, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Frankfort, Manistee, Ludington, Big Rapids and Cadillac.

92 Years Ago

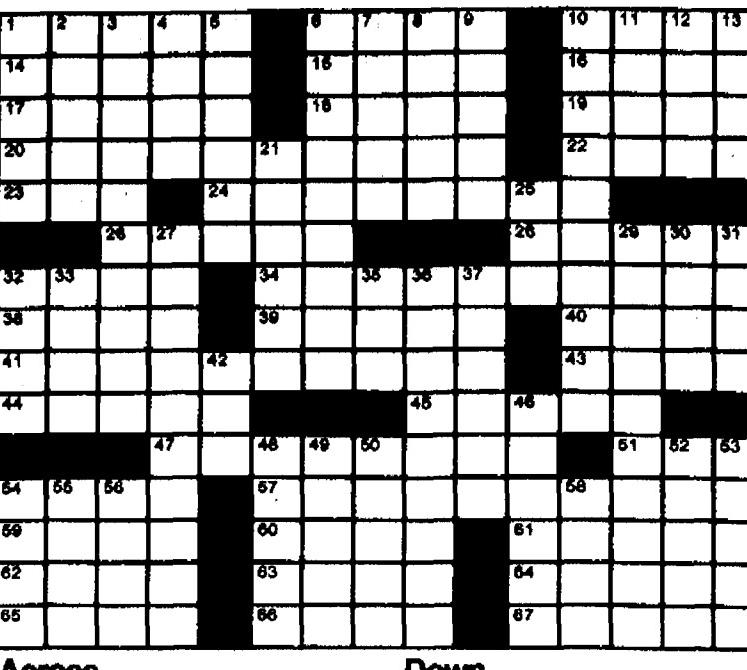
December 2, 1920

At a special meeting of the Board of Education it was decided to close school for one week beginning Monday, Nov. 29. Should the small pox epidemic warrant, a longer recess will be enforced. It was also decided to exclude children and students from public gatherings.

The Salling Hanson Company band mill has suspended operations indefinitely.

Miss Edna Wingard resigned her position as night operator at the telephone exchange after over two years of efficient service.

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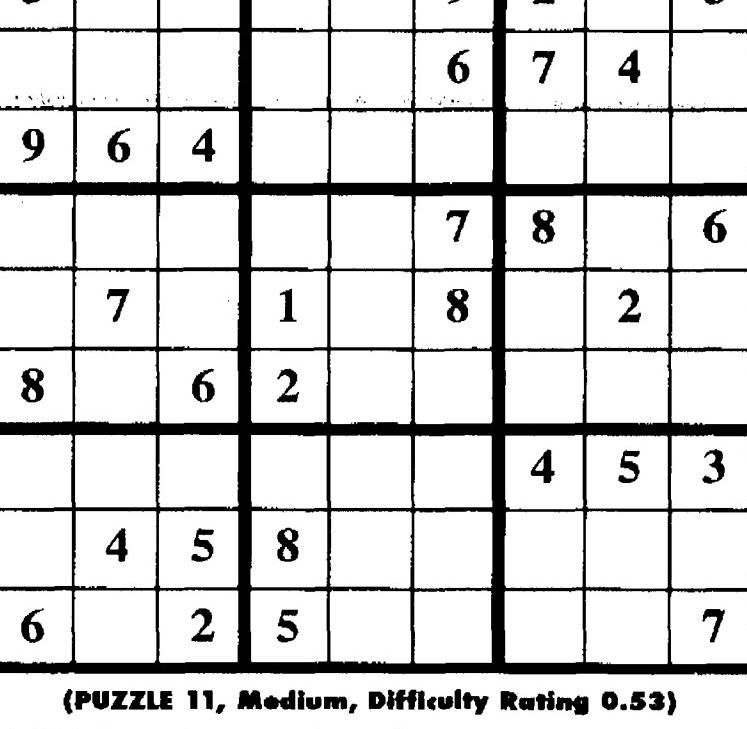
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- Cut, as a log
- Song and dance, e.g.
- Nabisco cookies
- Carbamide
- Dermatologist's concern
- Mails
- Ram
- Connive
- Incapable of being taught
- 1990 World Series champs
- What "it" plays
- Country whose capital is Kuala Lumpur
- You ____ kidding!" (contraction)
- Rain clouds
- Tree trunk
- Deterioration
- Long, long time
- Club publication
- No ifs, ____ ..."
- Convert to occidental customs
- A deadly sin
- Apprehensive
- Accumulate
- Air letter
- Blackguard
- Delhi dress
- Unsure how to respond
- "____ Brockovich"
- Buttonhole, e.g.
- Angers
- Anger, with "up"
- Emcee
- Argus-eyed
- Shiny on top?
- "What's gotten ____ you?"
- Destruction of cells by antibodies

Down

- Place
- "Gladiator" setting
- Native of W. African country whose capital is Dakar
- Mary in the White House
- Appropriate
- Lower in rank
- Caribbean cruise stop
- Eudora ___, Am. short-story writer
- Buttocks
- Assessments of worth
- Lady Macbeth, e.g.
- Put one's foot down?
- Adjusts, as a clock
- Openness
- Setting for TV's "Newhart"
- Held back
- Lower case letters
- Torsos (slang)
- Acad.
- Reprimand, with "out"
- Arch type
- Computer-generated imagery (acronym)
- Storage space between ship decks
- Bowel cleansings
- Needle opening
- Ethically indifferent
- Devinely inspired poet in India
- Acrylic fiber
- Kind of mill
- Wombs
- Breaks
- Balkan native
- "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- Brook
- Easter flower

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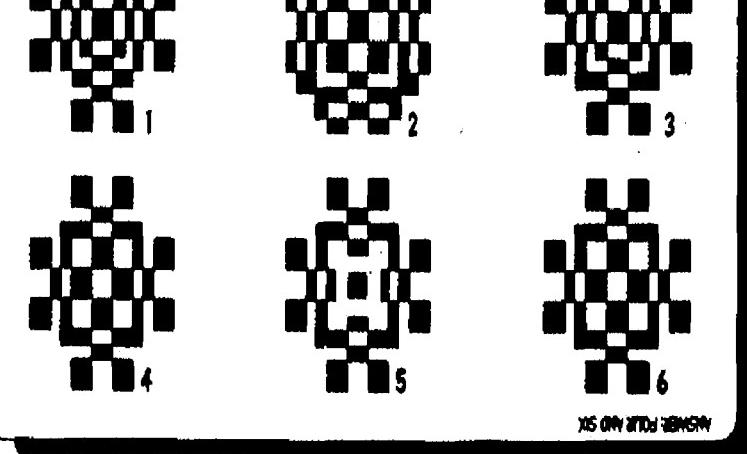
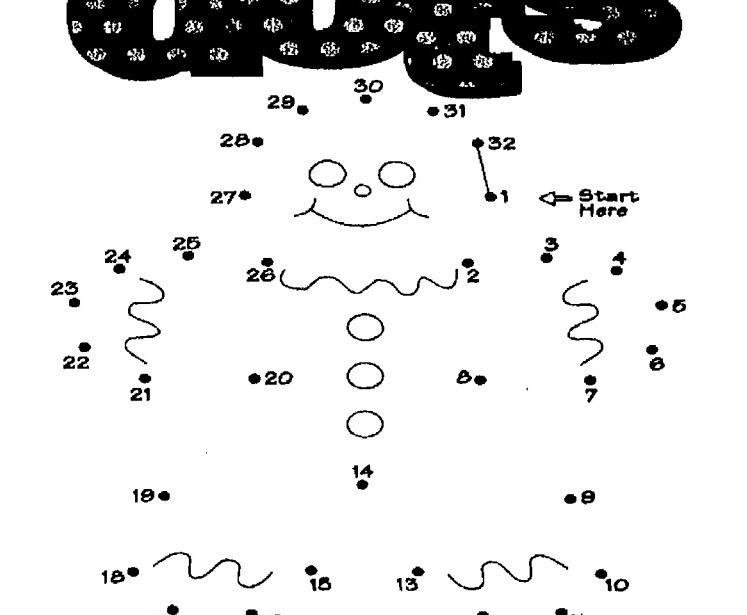
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5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

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For more pets or more information, visit our website www.acsc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHOCOLATE-Peanut Butter Swirled Bark

Ingredients:

8 oz. Semi-Sweet Chocolate, chopped	1/3 cup dried cranberries
6 oz. White Chocolate, chopped	1/3 cup pistachios, coarsely chopped
1/3 cup Creamy Peanut Butter	

Directions:

MICROWAVE chocolates in separate medium microwaveable bowls as directed on packages. Stir peanut butter into white chocolate.

DROP spoonfuls of chocolate mixtures alternately onto waxed paper-covered baking sheet; swirl gently with knife. Sprinkle with cranberries and nuts.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour or until firm. Break into pieces. Store in refrigerator.

Size-Wise

Balance your food choices throughout the day so you can enjoy a serving of this easy-to-make candy.

Substitute

Prepare using Peanuts or Slivered Almonds.

1 Pound Butter 1/2 Pound Peanut Butter 1/2 Pound White Chocolate 1/2 Pound Semi-Sweet Chocolate 1/2 Cup Dried Cranberries 1/2 Cup Pistachios 1/2 Cup Creamy Peanut Butter

Last Week		Extended Forecast					(Courtesy of the Weather.com)		
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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate



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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

Kirtland Community College

10775 N. St. Helen Road

Roscommon, MI 48653

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3. Employment

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Human Resource Department

Baker College of Cadillac

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Cadillac, MI 49601

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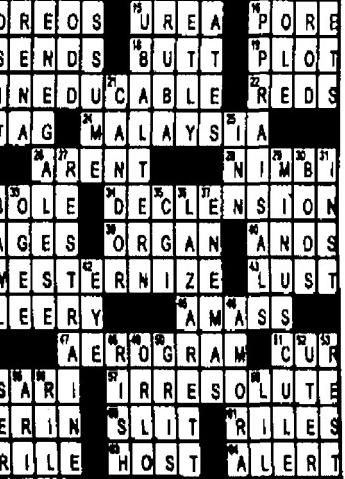
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8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The City of Grayling is accepting sealed bids on the
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later than 4:00PM Thursday December 20, 2012 in the
City Clerk's Office. Additional information is available at
City Hall where the items may be inspected. Bids must
be in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of
Grayling attention Clerk. The bid envelope must read
"Sealed Bid" and list the Bid # and item description.

BID 1: 2002 New Holland Model 38 Crop-Chopper Flail
Harvester. Pull type with hitch for rear wagon. Very lit-
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BID 2: 2002 H&S Forage Box trailer model BB18
Power Box. 18ft with roof assembly, PTO drive rear
unload. Very clean unit. Minimum bid \$5,000.00

BID 3: 1996 Ford New Holland 575D tractor loader
backhoe. Cab 4x4 & extend a hoe. 1.3 cubic yard
loader bucket, 24 inch backhoe bucket with bolt on teeth
and fork lift forks. 3377 hours. Minimum bid \$14,000.00

BID 4: 2005 Ford Crown Vic police interceptor 4.6lt.
90244 miles. Minimum bid \$1,000.00

Bid 5: 2001 Dodge 2500 pickup 4x2 standard cab.
Auto trans. 8' box. 50085 miles. Minimum bid \$700.00

BID 6: 8hp Ariens 32" snowblower model 924024

BID 7: Airco Yellow Jacket AC/DC welder/generator
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10. Garage Sales

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GMS Boys Basketball**7th grade**

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade boys basketball squad fell 38-27 vs. Boyne City on Monday in a contest played at GMS.

The game was tied at 15-15 after a high-scoring first period. Boyne led 22-19 at halftime. The Ramblers outscored GMS 16-8 in the second half.

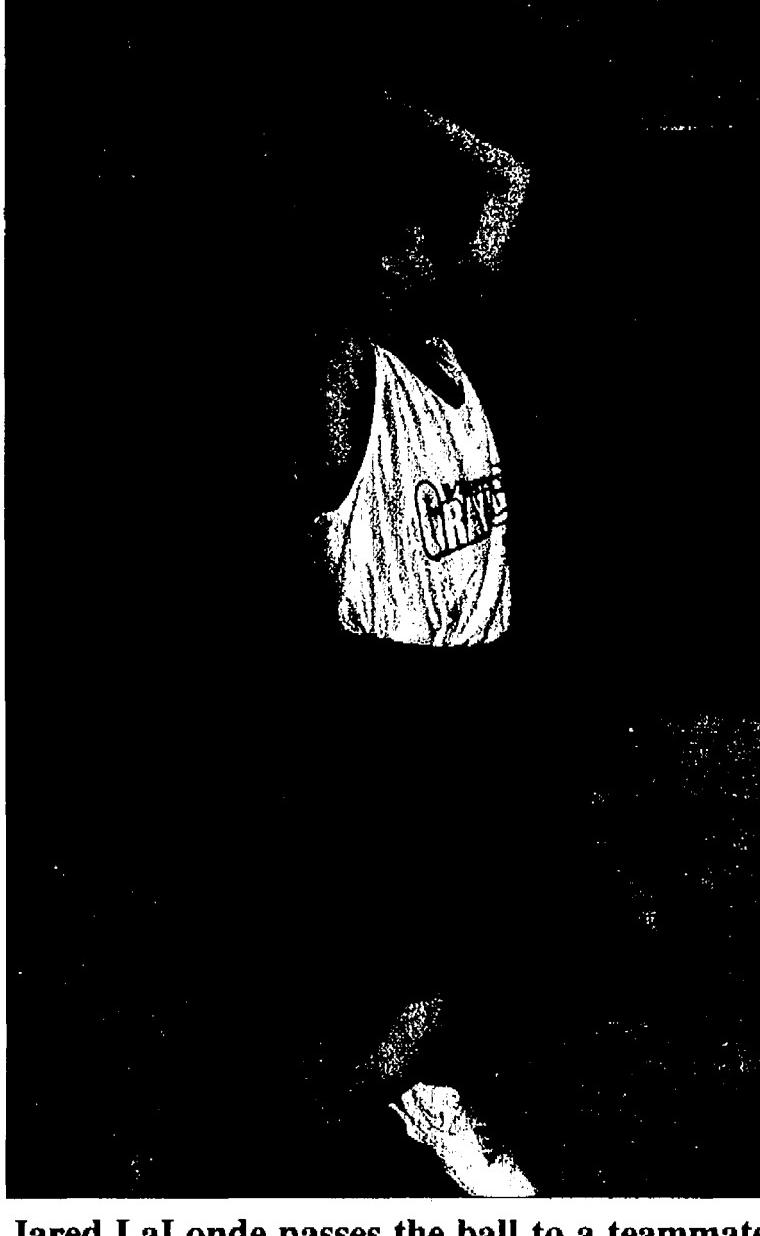
Trey Moffit had 11 points for Grayling. Jaden Gauthier had eight points.

"We just stopped scoring in the second half. Boyne outscored us 9-5 in the third quarter and 7-3 in the fourth quarter. It was not from a lack of great looks or shot attempts. The ball just did not go in the hoop. We also were very inconsistent with our defensive intensity and gave up some easy baskets that we did not in the first half," Coach Craig Hofman said.

The Vikings won on Tuesday at West Branch, improving their overall record to 3-2.

"The team played very well on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. We had a good all-around team effort. The energy and intensity was there from everyone," Coach Hofman said.

Justin Nicholas had 20 points. Moffit had six points. Gauthier had six points. Ben Hetfield had four points.



Jared LaLonde passes the ball to a teammate during last week's game against Boyne City.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Vikings won 31-11 at East Jordan. "We had great team play from everyone tonight. The scoring was nicely spread out amongst all the players. We struggled putting the ball in the basket the first half but in the sec-

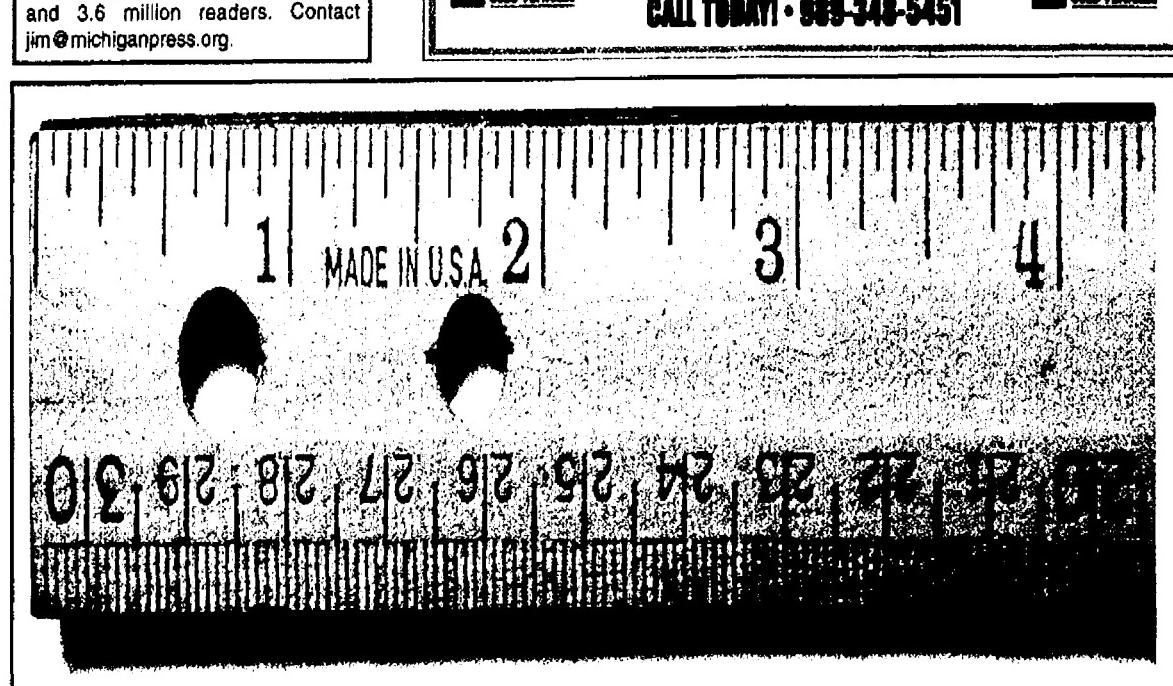
ond (half) the team played like we expect them to," Coach Hofman said.

Nate Burmeister had eight points for GMS.

"Flynn Powers, Chris Hunter, and Trey Moffit did a great job on the defensive end of the floor," Coach Hofman said.



Flynn Powers handles the ball for the 7th grade squad on Monday.

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Two volleyball players earn all-league honors

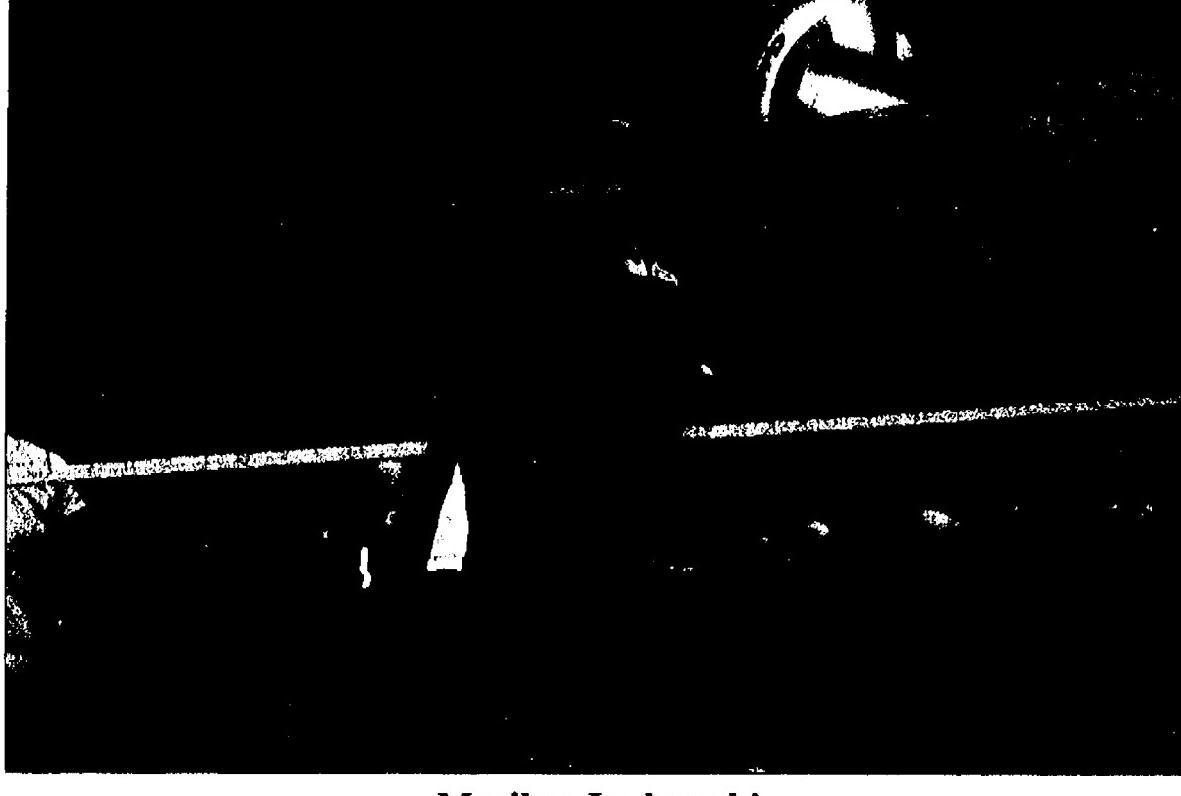
Grayling High School's varsity volleyball program recently announced its all-conference selections and team awards for the 2012 fall season.

Caitlin Prosser, a senior, was Grayling's all-league selection. Marilyn Jankowski, a junior, was an all-conference honorable mention.

The squad announced two team awards. The Most Valuable Player honor went to Jankowski and Sam Denno, a sophomore, won Most Improved Player.



Caitlin Prosser
All-Conference



Marilyn Jankowski
Honorable Mention

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